

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of August 25, 2003, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-42, drawn to a composition, method of generating the complex forming agent, method of using the composition for screening purposes, and a kit comprising the composition wherein the composition comprises a metal support surface and a conjugate.
- II. Claims 43 and 44, drawn to a method of preparing a support surface for manufacturing a complex comprising electro or electroless metal plating or vapor deposition.

Applicants elect the Group I claims, namely claims 1-42, drawn to a composition, method of generating the complex forming agent, method of using the composition for screening purposes, and a kit comprising the composition wherein the composition comprises a metal support surface and a conjugate, for prosecution on the merits.

Election of a species was also required. As per the Examiner's suggestion (Office Action, p. 4), Applicants provisionally elect the following species:

- 1) metal support surface: a metal support surface capable of releasably coordinating to sulfur or phosphorous. If a more specific metal support surface is required, then Applicants further elect gold.
- 2) ligand components: a peptide ligand comprising a sulfur or phosphorous atom for binding to the metal support surface and at least one accessory group capable of binding to the metal ion. If a more specific accessory group is required, then Applicants further elect 3 accessory groups selected from

nitrogen, oxygen, selenium, phosphorous or sulfur atom incorporated in an amino acid residue.

3) targeting molecule: peptide targeting molecule. If a more specific targeting molecule is required, then Applicants further elect bombesin 7-14, or a fragment thereof.

4) complex forming metal ion: Tc.

5) disease, disorder or abnormal physical state: oncological diseases, disorders or abnormal physical states.

6) method of detection or assessment: scintigraphy.

Claims 1-42 read on the elected species.

Favorable consideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

No additional fee is required. If there any such fees, please charge them to our firm Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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